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## THE VEHICLE OF SINFUL PRIDE

More years ago than we can contemplate with calmness we lived in a country largely peopled with Menonites and Dunkards, a people renowned for their morality and frugality. The membership was confined exclusively to country people and they were all rich and honest. The best farms belonged to them. Lawyers and debt collectors got little or no business from them. They were industrious and God fearing.

They controlled the dress of their members and they feared pride as they did the devil. They prided themselves on their lack of pride. Buttons on their clothes were arranged so that they would not show and the women when they joined the church became "plain." Not a ribbon, furbelow, ruffle, feather or any other adornment was allowed, though the good sisters by the use of the finest cloth and the best of fits were always able to hold their own with worldly girls so far as we were able to judge.

Another rule was just falling into disuse to some extent at the time when we can first remember, and that was in regard to the pleasure carriage, though it was all but a necessity in a country of fine farms and good roads. It was still being debated, though the young men could buy top buggies without being cast into outer darkness, and if we are correctly informed, now no vehicle is under the ban of the church.

We wish that some sect or ism would now arise and flourish in this mighty land and put down the automobile. It has played havoc with the economy of the nation.

The bankers of the nation have been seriously considering the subject for several years, it having been forced upon their attention by the great demands in their institutions for loans with which to buy a class of property which so rapidly depreciates in value. In one city the bankers reported that over seven hundred homes had been mortgaged to buy machines. These machines were expensive to keep up; led to idleness in the owners; and speedily became antiquated and of little value. In most instances the buyers could not afford the luxury and were forced to the expenditure by their families who wished to keep up with the fashion set in the first instance by those who could afford it, and fostered by others who could not.

It is the extreme case where a man mortgages his home to buy a toy. In most instances the cost of the machine represents the savings of prosperous years which should be kept intact to save a business in the lean years or provide for old age. We are changing from a people who saved to give the oldest boy a college education to one of debt and present luxury.

We are against the automobile. The automobile class is large and able to defend itself. It says that those who cry out against them are those who are not able to buy one, and that may be so, but it is nevertheless true, that we are more able to buy one than the great majority of those who do buy cars and give their notes for them.

Our advice was once sought by man who owned an automobile and had an opportunity to trade it for some sure enough property, but we told him we were hardly capable to advise because we felt that if we had one of those things that we would trade it for a yellow dog and then shoot the dog.

A big fat banker once fell over in a fit and expired. In casting around for the cause it was found that a young man who had an automobile and no home called on him and offered to mortgage his car to build a house, and the shock was so great either from joy at what seemed to be a turning of the tide, or else fear of the security offered that the banker succumbed.

Some years ago an eminent judge of this State who is an anti-

automobilist, said that he was in favor of passing a law restricting the automobile in speed to two miles an hour, and we have pondered on his suggestion ever since and see no fault to find with it. The more we see of the automobile evil the better the suggestion looks. We view, with alarm, the speed maniacs, joy riding, Standard Oil gasoline, and all the evils that follow in their train. There are but two classes now, the automobilists and the pedestrians. We belong to the latter and do not propose to be run over without a protest. You see in the papers every day where a pedestrian has been run over by a car. It refers to one of our class, my brother. How long, oh Lord, how long! This is but a rational reaction against irrational excesses. But there is one right that we cannot be deprived of, and we should not seek to deprive others: "The right to be a cussed fool, is safe from all devices human, it's common ex grinal rule, to every critter born of woman."

They say that it is not polite to speak of a rope in a family where there has been a hanging, and in at least two families in Pocahontas the automobile is not a welcome topic.

Over forty years ago a citizen of this county, the late Allen C. Burner invented and got a patent upon a "patent wagon to be run by a motor," and the late James Ataly Price and two prominent citizens of Bath county spent a great deal of money trying to perfect it. The two Bath investors did not seriously cripple themselves in the invention, but the two Pocahontas men, both large land owners, put everything that

they had in the costs and expense of the invention. Particulars of this endeavor can be found in the chancery file in the circuit clerk's office of this county in the case of Price's Administrator vs Price's Heirs. The experiments were carried on in Baltimore and Wilmington. The idea was the same that has been perfected in later years, that is, to build an engine or motor light enough to be practical to propel a moving vehicle. It was not until the light weight engine was invented that it became practical to operate an automobile. James Ataly Price was the grandfather of the writer of this article and he departed this life about the time the experiments were being carried on. As a boy, we remember seeing a brass model of the motor, an ingenious assembling of a lot of brass wheels and fittings. Our best information is that the neighbors generally called it a perpetual motion machine and let it go at that. We have heard of one shot fired by our ancestor however. A friend attempted to twit him about the invention, and he replied that he had found that where there was a great deal of ignorance there was also a great deal of prejudice. And the reader if he chance to be a believer in automobiles may turn this home thrust to this article if he so desires.

At the time of the invention Allen C. Burner was the owner of twelve thousand acres of land which was soon sold by his creditors and which has proved since to be worth something like a million dollars. So the automobile idea may prove to be a dangerous one from more than one point of view.

Marie Cahill, the actress, has a song that says a lady who takes her sweetheart a walking in the wood, had better keep him walking if she wants to keep him good. So all of us who now are walking had better keep a walking and keep out of debt.

## A WONDERFUL COMPARISON

There has been perhaps no period in the history of christianity, a fiercer conflict between belief and unbelief than what is going on right now. To persons interested in this most important matter, and there is nothing more deserving of serious consideration, a comparison of what unbelief and belief does, is very useful for such persons who may be working up their minds as to whether they will be christians or non-professors of religion.

In this article the feelings of Voltaire and Thomas Holyburton will be considered by way of illustration. Voltaire is the prince of modern infidelity and is mainly responsible for its existence, while Holyburton is eminent as a very learned and experienced professor of experimental piety. They both lived in the 18th century. On expressing his feelings Voltaire wrote to this effect: "Who can without horror consider the whole world as an empire of destruction? It abounds with wonders, with victims also, as a vast field of carnage and contagion. Every species is without pity pursued and torn to pieces through the air, and earth and water. In man there is more wretchedness than in all the other animals put together. He loves life and yet knows he must die. If he enjoys transient good he suffers various evils and is at last devoured by worms. This knowledge is his fatal prerogative. Other animals have it not. He spends the transient moments of his existence in diffusing the miseries which he suffers; in cutting the throats of his fellow creatures

for pay; in cheating and being cheated; robbing and being robbed; in serving that he might command; and repenting of all he does. The bulk of mankind are nothing more than a crowd of wretches, equally criminal and unfortunate; The globe contains rather carcasses than men. I tremble at the review of this dreadful picture, and I find it contains a complaint against Providence itself I wish I had never been born."

So writes and testifies a person of such eminence in his day and generation as to be flattered by nations and complimented and caressed by kings and statesmen.

How very unfeeling a person must be not to feel a sorrowful sympathy for such a much honored person to have so little enjoyment in his life as to make the pathetic lament, 'I wish I had never been born.'

But when the esteemed reader learns how Holyburton expressed himself near the close of his consistent religious life, a person of marked eminence as a christian as a christian scholar and teacher and author, it will be seen that a different view may be taken of being allowed to live in such a world as ours.

Near the close of his life Mr. Holyburton said to his friends, "I shall shortly get a very different sight of God from what I have ever had, and shall be made meet to praise him forever and ever. Oh the thoughts of an incarnate Deity are sweet and ravishing. O how I wonder at myself that I do not love him more. What a wonder that I enjoy such composure under all my bodily pains and in

view of death itself. What mercy that having the use of my reason I can declare his goodness to my soul. I long for his salvation. I bless His name that I have found Him, and I die rejoicing in him, O, blessed be God that I was born O that I was where he is. I have a father and mother, and ten brothers and sisters in heaven, and I shall be the eleventh. O there is a telling in this providence, and I shall be telling it forever. If there be such a glory in his conduct towards me now, what will it be to see the Lamb in the midst of the throne. Blessed be God that I was born."

How manifest it appears upon comparison, that Voltaire and Holyburton were very different men as to their opinions of life and duty. W. T. P.

## A CORRECTION

A statement published last week by Rella F. Yeager, Admrx. in regard to a certain fund in the circuit court of this county, come to us as an advertisement, but we now find upon investigation that the statement was not true, and probably not published from a good motive. We have returned the price of the advertisement to the administratrix and make this correction.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Hill came over from Marlinton Monday in automobile and spent a day or two in town, guests of Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Gay.—Buckhannon Banner.

Attorney B. W. Craddock, of Marlinton, came over Friday to attend the alumni banquet of the Normal—Glennville Pathrnder.

## KNAPPS CREEK

Everything is drying up; we suppose it is politics that is causing the drouth, as they are the most common things we have these days.

Rev. Morgan preached an able sermon to a large audience Sunday morning.

Mrs. Lizzie Hannah still continues very ill.

D. W. Dever is doing a lot of on his Hamilton farm, but he can't make the grass grow.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Moore, the 17th inst. a son.

We are having some measles and chickenpox in our vicinity at present: all are getting along nicely.

John Sydenstricker is preparing to build an addition to his house.

P. D. Moore, who has been in delicate health for some time is no better.

Misses Florence and Mary Moore are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Joe McNeel, in the Levels.

Miss Bertie Jordan is among her many friends here at present.

F. C. Ware was around last week transferring bees.

Everett Ruckman is home nursing a sore arm.

Edgar Herold and his two sisters, Lula and Rita, are visiting in Highland county.

Mr and Mrs. P. M. Harper were visiting at Hon. I. B. Moore's last week.

JERSEY BULL—Thoroughbred, from Colonel John T. McGraw's herd at Deer Park, Md. At Dr. N. R. Price's, Marlinton, W. Va. Fee to insure \$3.00.

# Big 15 DAYS Sale Continues

Our Sale is still going on and will last until July 1st. You can find no better way to save than to take advantage of the unusual Bargains here presented, We offer the balance of our Spring and Summer Stock at prices that cannot be any lower.

These Goods are Seasonable and Desirable None Undersell Us Read and Judge



A WATCH WITH EVERY PAIR

What boy or girl doesn't want a real watch that will keep good time? With every pair sold of the famous Security School Shoes for boys and girls, we will sell one of the fine Security Watches for only fifty cents. These are regular dollar watches, but we will sell you one for just fifty cents with the purchase of a pair of Security School Shoes. These shoes are made by the Hamilton, Brown Shoe Company, the largest in the world. Let us show you these watches and shoes today.

Men's Furnishings	
Men's Clothings, new fine summer suits, blue serge gray and brown \$15 suits sale price	7.98
\$18.00 suits at	12.48
We have a lot of assortments of men's suits in all sizes and colors, value up to \$10.00 at	4.98
Men's Pants	
Men's dress pants light mixed and blue serge, well made, values \$4.00 at	2.98
\$3.00 values at	2.25
Big assortment of working pants, values \$1.50 sale price	79 cts.
Men's Shirts	
Men's fine dress shirts, values to 1.50 sale price	79c
Men's working and dressshirts all colors, values up to 75c sale price	39c
Men's Underwear	
Men's summer underwear, 50c values at	39c
Shirts and drawers each separate	39c
Men's Handkerchiefs	
Men's linen handkerchiefs 15c values sale price	.07c
MEN'S SOCKS	
Black, gray, tan, all colors 15c values, sale price	7c
Merserised silk hose, values 50c sale price	25c
Over 100 pair lace curtains 3 1-2 yds long values \$2.00 sale price	1.25

Children's Shoes	
Boys and girls, Buster Brown shoes, size from 2 1-2 to 5 1-2, 3.00 value sale price	21.9
CHILDREN'S DRESSES	
size from 6 to 18, all colors values 1.50 sale price	89c
MEN'S TIES	
50 doz. men ties 35c values at	19c
MEN'S SUSPENDERS	
25c values at	15c
Ladies' Furnishings	
Ladies' shoes 2.00 values, sale price	1.48
2.50 at 1.98	3.25 at 2.48
LADIES' SUMMER SUITS	
in latest style color white and tan 6.00 values	3.98
LADIES' PRINCESS DRESSES	
1.50	98c
3.00	2.25
6.00	4.48
LADIES' Dress SKIRTS	
Ladies' silk voile skirts	
10.00 value	7.48
8.00 value	5.98
7.00 value	4.98
Big assortment of panama and serge skirts from 3.19 up to 4.98 at a sacrifice price.	
LADIES' WAISTS	
75c	39c
2.50	1.79

Ladies' Vests	
15c value	7c
Ladies Union suits at	39c
Ladies' Corsets 1.00	79c
Corset covers	19c
Domestics	
The best grade of calice sale price	5c per yd.
8c apron gingham 5c	15c dress gingham 9 1-2
40 in. unbleached muslin values 12c	7 1-2
Linen sheetings 90 in. wide value 1.00 per yd	79c
We have over 50 patterns of suseine silk and summer silks, values up to 50c per yd	29d
Black Taffeta silk, value 1.50	1.10
1.25	98c
1.00	79c
A big assortment of pougue suisette and poplin, in a 1 shades at	19c per yd
Voile dress goods all color, values 39c	24c
All our 50c woolen dress goods at	35c
1.00 per yd at	79c
All our 15c pattern of galated cloth at	12 1-2c
Big assortment of rugs, values up to 1.50	89c
125 doz O.N.T thread No 8 to 100, all color, at 3 1-2c 5 spools to a customer only.	



## Remember the DATES

LOOK HERE this sale begins Saturday, June 17th., and lasts until July 1st. Railroad fares for a distance of 20 mile returned to customers, purchasing \$10 worth of merchandise or more upon presentation of their return trip ticket, what we advertise we do, come rain or shine, don't let any thing keep you away. COME EARLY AND GET YOUR BARGAINS:

# J. HAMED & BRO., Marlinton, W Va.